


# Labor Leaders Endorse Hughes

One-third of all laws beneficial to labor, passed in New York State in 133 years, were passed during Governor Hughes' term at his request and signed by him



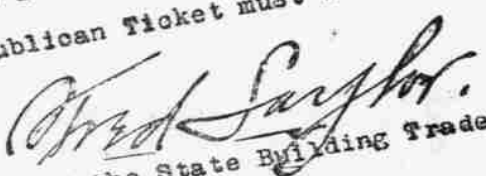
**STATE BUILDING TRADES COUNCIL**

OFFICE OF FRED SAYLOR, PRESIDENT  
224 EDEN PLACE  
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA


October, 31st 1916

To Whom it may Concern:

I will work for and vote for the Republican Ticket because I confidently believe that the welfare of the Country demands the restoration of the Republican Party to control of Public affairs. No Wage earner should be deceived or confused by fake issues advanced by the Democrats. The over shadowing issue before the American Laborer to-day is the re-establishment of the protective Tariff system. Every thoughtful man knows that the present industrial activity in this Country is due entirely to War Orders from Europe and that when the Foreign War comes to an end we will be confronted with Democratic Free Trade, which never has failed to bring disaster to the American Wage earner. The four Years will prove a crucial period in our national life. This Government must be administered by competent and efficient men. If the interests of the Workmen and their Families are to be safeguarded the Republican Ticket must win at the Polls next day.

  
 President of the State Building Trades Council of Indiana.

**Pennsylvania State Building Trades Council**

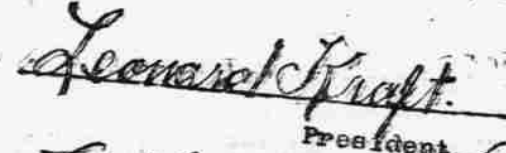



Organized at Harrisburg, Pa., April 27, 1914

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

From the standpoint of the American laborer, we are of the opinion that the most important issue is protection, for in no other way can the standards of living be maintained. Every laboring man knows that before the European War commenced many workmen were out of employment in this country, and that there was every indication of an acute condition in the immediate future. The war has temporarily prevented this condition; but it will certainly recur as soon as the war is over unless some steps are taken to repeal the Democratic free trade law now on the statute books; for every Democratic tariff which has been passed since the Civil War has brought disaster to the American wage-earner, and the present law from the point of protection is the least favorable to the maintenance of our national standards of any of the laws for which the Democratic Party is responsible.

No other party than the Republican can be depended upon to restore a suitable protective tariff system and we shall, therefore, work and vote for the Republican ticket, believing that we are doing the best thing possible to safeguard the interests of which we are charged.

  
 President  
  
 Secretary-Treasurer

(From Cleveland Leader, October 28, 1916.)

## TRADES COUNCIL BALKS AT WILSON

Second Attempt to Force Labor to Indorse His Re-election Fails.

(From The Philadelphia Public Ledger, October 23, 1916.)

## MOVE TO INDORSE WILSON QUASHED BY LABOR UNION

Central Body, in Stormy Session, Tables Resolution Indefinitely

## INDIGNATION GREETINGS

(From The Washington Post, October 22, 1916.)

## CHICAGO LABOR FOR HUGHES

Building Trades Council Says President Wilson Lacks Sympathy.

Special to The Washington Post. Chicago, Oct. 21.—One branch of organized labor swung into line for Charles E. Hughes tonight when the Chicago Building Trades Council, of which Simon O'Donnell is president, adopted resolutions urging the defeat of President Wilson because of lack of sympathy with the American workman.

Arthur D. Burbank, chairman of the legislative board of railroad trainmen in Illinois, issued a statement declaring that railroad employees are turning from President Wilson.

"It is the first time our national officers have attempted to tell us how we must vote, and there are thousands like myself who will not stand for such domination," said Mr. Burbank. "I am convinced that the sentiment among the railroad men for Hughes is growing stronger every day."

## This is Labor's Answer to the Attempt To Deliver the American Workingman's Vote

THE labor vote cannot be delivered to the Democratic party. The bulk of it throughout the country will go to Hughes was the positive declaration of Thomas J. Williams, one of the most prominent trade unionists in the United States, in course of an interview in Pittsburgh on November 1, 1916.

Mr. Williams is National President of the Building Trades department of the American Federation of Labor, which includes every craft in any way identified with the building industry.

It has a membership of nearly one and a half million men, all mechanics, which is more than fifty per cent. of the entire membership of the organization of which Samuel Gompers is the head.

Mr. Williams has just completed a tour of the south and middle west, in course of which he talked with representatives of every industry and addressed seven national conventions of labor organizations.

"No man or group of men can deliver the labor vote to the Democratic party," said Mr. Williams. "The American workingman always has supported the Republican ticket, and for a very practical reason.

"He knows that the Republican party stands for the great principle of protection to American industry, and that without such protection there can be no prosperity for him. The wage earners

of this country today consider the re-establishment of the protective tariff system the one great issue before them, and they will vote accordingly next Tuesday.

"No sensible laboring man is deceived by the present abnormal industrial activity in the United States. We all know that war orders from Europe are responsible for it.

"If the foreign conflict should end tomorrow, the wage earners of this country would be confronted with precisely similar conditions to those which confronted them during the first two years of the Wilson administration—idle mills, dead locomotives, men out of employment, and business depression everywhere.

"The workingman will vote next Tuesday for the Republican ticket because he will then vote for his own material welfare.

"In my trip through the south and west, I discussed the political situation with hundreds of laboring men. I found no indication anywhere of a pronounced trend of sentiment in the ranks of the wage-earners towards the Democratic party."

The Republican Protective Tariff protects workingmen's wages without increasing the cost of living. The question is shall we have a Democratic tariff that only pretends to help the wage-earner or a Republican tariff that really protects him?

## Vote for Hughes

### The Philadelphia Inquirer

### LABOR LEADERS INDORSE HUGHES

Resolutions Adopted at Meeting of the Building Trades Council, Philadelphia

Philadelphia, Oct. 21.—The Building Trades Council of Philadelphia tonight adopted resolutions endorsing Charles E. Hughes for President and opposing Woodrow Wilson.

The resolutions were adopted after a long and stormy session, during which the members of the council expressed their indignation at the attempt to deliver the labor vote to the Democratic party.

The resolutions declared that the labor vote cannot be delivered to the Democratic party, and that the American workingman will vote for Hughes next Tuesday.

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